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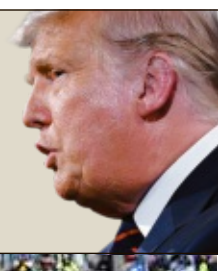
U.S. CAPITOL UNDER SIEGE

"It's not protest, it's insurrection. ... I call on President Trump to go on national television now ... and demand an end to this siege."

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN

"I know your pain. We had an election that was stolen from us. But you have to go home now. We have to have law and order."

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



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Supporters of President Donald Trump clash with police and security forces as they storm the Capitol while Congress debated certification of the electoral votes.

Rioters delay — but fail to halt — electoral count

By Nicholas Fandos and Emily Cochrane
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – Locking arms in a rare show of unity, Congress moved late Wednesday toward confirming President-elect Joe Biden's victory after a mob President Donald Trump's loyalists stormed and occupied the Capitol.

They disrupted the final electoral count in a shocking display of violence that left a woman dead and shook the core of American democracy.

There was no parallel in modern U.S. history, with insurgents acting in the president's name vandalizing Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, smashing windows, looting art and briefly taking control of the Senate Chamber.

There, fists raised, they took turns posing for photographs on the dais where Vice President Mike Pence had just presided.

Outside the building, they erected a gallows, punctured the tires of a police SUV and left a note on its windshield saying, "PELOSI IS SATAN."

By the time the Senate reconvened, hours after lawmakers had been evacuated from a Capitol overrun by rebels carrying pro-Trump parapher-

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Capitol Police officers with guns drawn watch as a mob attempts to break into the House Chamber. Congress was quickly recessed during the attack.

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Cruz at the focus of backlash over the deadly attack

By Benjamin Wermund
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON – Moments before a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol, Sen. Ted Cruz was on the Senate floor warning that "democracy is in crisis" as he objected to counting Arizona's Electoral College votes.

Both the House and Senate were evacuated as protesters forced their way into both chambers, breaking windows along the way.

Tear gas was deployed and at least one person was shot and killed by law enforcement inside the Capitol.

In his speech to the Senate, Cruz had urged his colleagues on "both sides" to calm down as he argued for delaying the certification of President-elect Joe Biden's win, calling for an "emergency audit" of the results based on debunked allegations of widespread voter fraud.

Now, many are blaming Cruz and the other Republicans – including 10 other senators and a dozen congressman from Texas who supported Cruz's effort – for escalating the post-election strife that preceded Wednesday's eruption.

"This is what you've gotten, guys," Sen. Mitt

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